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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: ECOWAS CONDEMNS GUINEA VIOLENCE, WILL
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REF: A. ABUJA 1613

1B. MCCULLOUGH-FITZGERALD E-MAIL 9/29

1C. SANDERS-FITZGERALD E-MAIL 9/29

1D. MCANULTY-ARENTE E-MAIL 9/29

Classified By: Political Counselor James P. McAnulty
for reasons in Sections 1.4 (B) and (D)

11. (C) Economic Community of Western African States (ECOWAS) President Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas told Ambassador, while in transit at Frankfurt Airport, that ECOWAS had issued a declaration September 29 condemning the junta's violent repression of a peaceful rally the day before at Conakry stadium. Dr. Chambas said he would insist that junta leader David Camara refrain from running as a candidate in upcoming elections, and he planned to increase pressure on the junta to hold elections as soon as possible. He would soon consult with Nigeria (ECOWAS Chairperson) on next steps to reduce violence.

2, (C) Separately, ECOWAS Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace, and Security, Colonel Mahamane Toure, told PolOff that Dr. Chambas would begin consultations with the African Union on next steps against Guinea, including serious consideration of sanctions. Toure emphasized the need to develop specific incentives to Camara to ensure that the junta leader, Prime Minister, and other National Council for Democracy and Development (CNDD) members maintain neutrality and not run for office.

13. (SBU) Embassy is forwarding to the Department (AF/W) the French version of the ECOWAS declaration, to be followed by the English version after receipt.

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